



From Atom to Icon: Oppenheimer

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Dr. Frans Kingma, Dr. Machiel Kleemans
Woensdag 4 maart , 12:40 - 13:45 (uitverkocht)
Blauwe Zaal, Auditorium

Prijs: Gratis (Student)
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J. Robert Oppenheimer, often called 'the father of the atomic bomb,' left a legacy that reshaped the 20th century. **Physicists and authors Frans Kingma and Machiel Kleemans** will discuss the life and work of this brilliant yet contentious physicist, the physics of the most destructive weapon ever created, and the nuclear advancements that continue to shape global power relations and modern warfare today.

The lecture ends at 13:45. It is not possible to leave the room earlier.

As scientific leader and organizational talent of the top-secret Manhattan Project, Oppenheimer directed the development of a weapon that altered modern warfare. His life was marked by extraordinary achievements, but also by controversy as well as deep personal and professional humiliation. Admired for his intellect but suspected of communist sympathies, he was forced to resign as America's prime nuclear advisor.

This lecture examines Oppenheimer's controversial role in science and politics, the science of the bomb, and Oppenheimer's passion for literature and art. It highlights how he became a cultural icon, and how nuclear deterrence has continued to define our world. Connections will be drawn to Christopher Nolan's acclaimed biopic *Oppenheimer*, which brought this extraordinary scientist back into the global spotlight.